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4. [] Met with William Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and brought him up-to-date on briefing items from 22 December 1971 through 13 January 1972.

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Woodruff informed me that Pete Bonner (retired Marine Corps Colonel) is now working on the Committee staff and in a short time will replace Mr. Ed Hartung as Senator Milton Young's Minority Counsel on the staff. Bonner has worked closely with Woodruff and others over the years and recently served a short stint as a special assistant to Mr. Rady Johnson, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs.



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I briefed Woodruff on our meeting earlier with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, on the subject of liquidation funds for the Radios. Woodruff said Ralph Preston had called him about this earlier. Mr. Mahon's position does not appear to have changed Woodruff's views on the subject, however.

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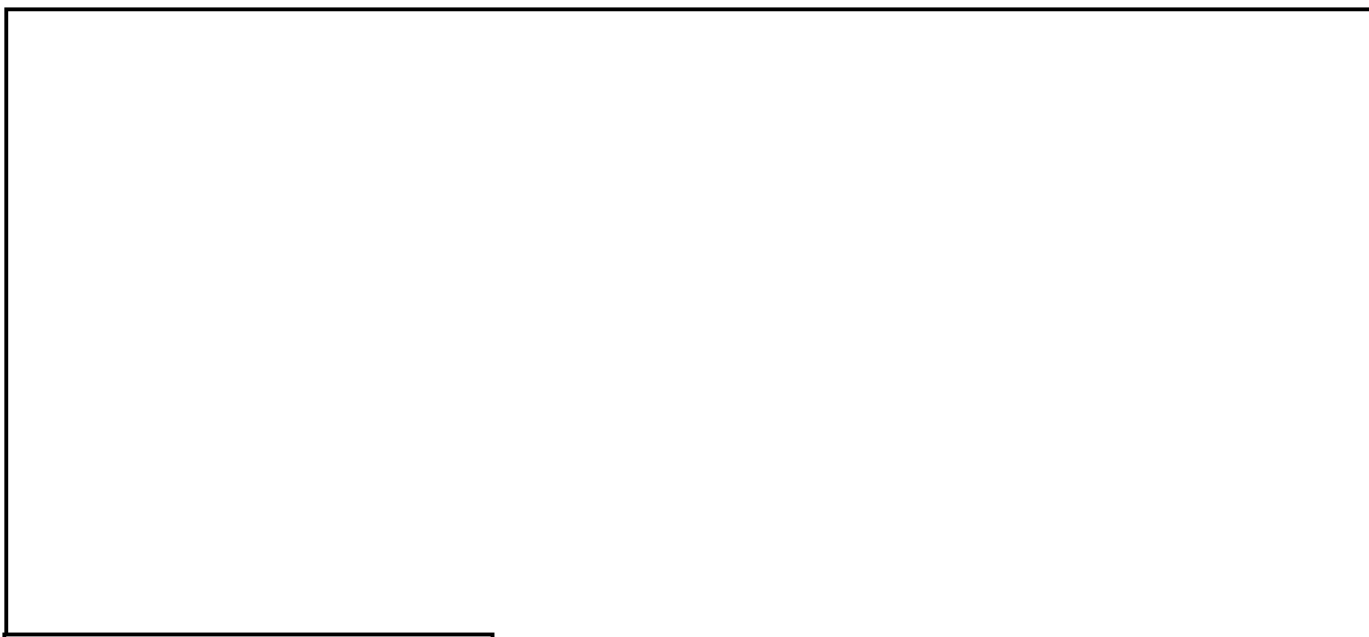
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Accompanied Colonel White, Messrs. Colby,

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and James Frey (of OMB) to a meeting with Ralph Preston,

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House Appropriations Committee staff, on the matter of funding the cost of liquidating certain programs of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. As a result of this meeting Messrs. Frey and [redacted] are to prepare a financial data sheet for Mr. Preston's use in a further discussion with Chairman Mahon on the subject. See Colonel White's Memorandum for the Record.

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1. Advised Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, of our conversations with Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, regarding use of liquidation funds for the Radios. I told Woodruff of Preston's feeling that the matter should be taken up with Chairman Mahon and that we will be doing this in the near future. I told him that if Mr. Mahon had no problem we would go ahead as Colonel White had originally discussed with him; if there is a problem we will be back in touch with him.

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[REDACTED] Checked with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who said he would be in and out of his office this week and that Chairman Mahon was in the city. I passed this information on to Colonel White who said he would let me know whether we were interested in meeting with the Chairman this week concerning the Radios.

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